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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was steady at best. Retail demand was slow to fair, moderate to good for food service with hopes that first of the month and upcoming Mother's Day activities will improve interest. Supplies were more than sufficient to easily handle needs. In the parts structure, breast items were adequate to ample and heavily discounted to move. All other parts were at least adequate with fair movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were light to heavy, but mostly desirable.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 57.25 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 58.25 cents last year on the 28th of April, 1999.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

DOCK PRICE

ITEM	(CENTS P	ER POUND)
BREASTS - I	3/S	138.00
BREASTS - \	NHOLE	74.00
THIGH MEAT	Г - B/S	99.50
LEG QUART	ERS	19.00
WINGS		52.50

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CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES			PERCENT CHANGE
WEEK ENDING 04/22	2/00 2000	<u> 1999</u>	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	186,410	183,419	+02
CHICKS PLACED	147,771	144,702	+02

BROILER EGGS SET IN 15 SELECTED STATES UP 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 186 million eggs during the week ending April 22, 2000. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 148 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 22, 2000. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 1999. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through April 22, 2000, were 2.33 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 3-Jun-00 IS ESTIMATED AT 152.8 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 152.9 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 152.5 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 158.9 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTEDAVERAGE PRICE WAS 60.29 CENTS PER POUND.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/ fryers was light to fair. Offerings were readily available on 2.5-pound sizes, generally adequate on the 3-pound and heavier sizes. Movement into retail and distributive channels was fair at best. The market tone was about steady. In the parts market, breast items were fully adequate to ample and slow to clear. All other items were at least adequate.

SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was no better than steady. Demand was slow and unaggressive to fair with optimism still present for next week's movement. Supplies were more than sufficient to satisfy needs. In the parts structure, breast items were in the longest position and often discounted. The remaining items were at least adequate with little buying interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable but slightly heavier in some areas.

MIDWEST Trade sentiment on whole broiler/fryers steady to barely steady. Additional offerings of whole birds and wogs readily available for current needs. Movement into retail channels continued to struggle at month's end with some improvement reported into the Ohio area. Food service demand was in a full range, mostly fair to fairly good. Retail features noted in Ohio and Chicago on bagged leg quarters at 19 cents, and in Chicago drums and thighs at 69 cents. Floor stocks adequate to ample, weights in a desirable range. Parts trading moderate to good on thighs, tenderloins and leg quarters, remainder of items trading inactive even at discounted levels. Supplies adequate to ample with tenderloins in the shortest position. Trade sentiment fully steady on tenderloins, leg quarters steady and barely steady to weak on the balance.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was generally steady on whole fryers, however, wogs were steady to barely steady with 3 lb. and heavier sizes the softest. Buyers unaggresive. Retail demand light to fair on whole fryers. Parts demand light to fair, mostly fair. Some industry members have either seen and are anticipating better than anticipated movement due in part to the increased red meat strength on some items. Sizes and inventories mostly adequate for buyers needs. Parts demand light to fair. Trade sentiment on breast items and wings was steady to barely steady, mostly steady on the balance of items. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts and wings were adequate to instances ample, balance generally adequate.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER MARKET Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was sluggish. Offerings of 2.5's were readily available and the balance was more than adequate. Live supplies were moderate to heavy; weights were desirable to light. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 56 to 68 cents. Trade sentiment was steady at best. In the parts complex, offerings were more than adequate to ample. Breast items continued to be in the longest position and were often offered at discounts to stimulate movement. *BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

	U.S. GRADE A
RANGE	55-68
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	58.85
NO. OF BOXES	7,349
*6 of 8 plants reporting	

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APRIL 25, 2000		SOU [*]	THERN STAT	TES BROII	LER/FRYER PARTS			APRIL 2	6, 2000
	POUND	S		<u>WTD</u>		POUND)S		WTD
<u>ITEM</u>	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	<u>AVG</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	(000)	<u>RANGE</u>	MAJORITY	<u>AVG</u>
BREAST - B/S	701	115.00-183.00	120-135	132.43	BREAST - B/S	615	120.00-183.00	125-135	134.36
TENDERLOINS	75 ´	140.00-195.00	-	154.67	TENDERLOINS	184	130.00-195.00	130-135	139.24
BREAST - LINE RUN	192	68.00-78.00	68-69	72.17	BREAST - LINE RUN	120	68.00-78.00	68-69	68.67
FRONT HALVES	70	57.00-59.00	-	58.00	FRONT HALVES	105	51.00-57.50	-	54.83
LEGS	46	29.00-34.00	29-31	29.65	LEGS	86	27.00-34.00	27-28	27.49
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)) 658	15.50-18.00	16-17	16.21	LEG QUARTERS (BULK	,	15.50-18.00	16	16.20
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,177	18.00-20.00	19-20	19.17	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,057	18.00-20.00	19-20	19.23
WINGS (WHOLE)	125	49.00-56.00	49-51	51.96	WINGS (WHOLE)	125	49.00-56.00	51-52	51.96
WINGS (CUT)	433	51.00-72.00	54-56	56.03	WINGS (CUT)	436	53.00-72.00	55-57	57.25
DRUMSTICKS	Т	OO FEW TO RE	PORT		DRUMSTICKS	-	TOO FEW TO RE	EPORT	
THIGHS	49	22.00-34.00	-	27.46	THIGHS	49	25.00-34.00	-	26.65
B/S THIGHS	Т	OO FEW TO RE	PORT		B/S THIGHS	-	TOO FEW TO RE	EPORT	
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WHOLE BODY INDEX BA	ASED OI	N SOUTHERN S	STATES PAR	TS	WHOLE BODY INDEX B	ASED C	N SOUTHERN S	STATES PAR	RTS

TRADING FOR APRIL 25, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S **AVERAGE RANGE** 36.25 - 38.50 37.11

TODAY'S 5-DAY **RANGE** AVERAGE **AVERAGE** 33.25 - 37.75 35.52 36.79

TRADING FOR APRIL 26, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

I SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (LA AREA) PROCESSED POLILTRY

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity continued light and mostly unaggressive. Offerings of breast items were fully adequate to ample. Other items were at least adequate for trade needs. Movement into retail and distributive channels was no better than fair, with no improvements noted for late week. The market tone was barely steady to weak on breast items. About steady on the balance.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT *** REPORT DATED APRIL 24, 2000 SHOULD READ: **QUANTITIES**

*** "BREAST-LINE RUN WTD AVG 60.08, VOLUME/LBS 120, 200" INSTEAD OF AS SENT **** APRII 25 2000

		25, 2000		APRIL 26, 2000			
	CURRENT NEG	WTD			CURRENT NEG	WTD	
<u>ITEM</u>	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	<u>ITEM</u>	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	135	137.66	449,440	BREAST - B/S	130-135	133.25	358,080
TENDERLOINS	130-135	144.39	52,480	TENDERLOINS	130-135	144.59	47,000
BREAST - WITH RIBS	59-60	70.51	217,240	BREAST - WITH RIBS	57-58	68.12	189,360
BREAST - LINE RUN	59	58.07	153,120	BREAST - LINE RUN	57	59.54	153,200
LEGS	29-30	31.53	250,160	LEGS	29-30	33.02	145,000
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	18-19	20.57	389,146	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	18-19	20.53	333,441
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	34.29	123,680	DRUMSTICKS	34-35	33.29	114,570
THIGHS	28-29	32.77	84,280	THIGHS	28-29	32.69	83,940
B/S THIGHS	86-87	92.10	38,700	B/S THIGHS	86-87	93.26	38,160
WINGS (WHOLE)	48-49	60.03	175,400	WINGS (WHOLE)	48-49	59.78	233,480
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPE	D) 10-12	11.93	64,360	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPE	D) 10-12	11.96	56,680
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	33.71	56,505	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	31.40	64,360
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.79	83,230	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.96	70,760

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)						N THO	USAND	SOUTHERN CALIFOR	<u>KINIA (L.A. AR</u>	<u>EA) PROCESSED POULTRT</u>	· =	
					AVG			AVG	DELIVERED TO RETAI	<u>LERS</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	
	ESTIMAT	TED	ACTU	AL	WTS		CTUAL	WTS	FRESH FRYERS		76-80	
	04/26 0				04/24			04/17	ROASTERS 4# & UP		80-90	
ALA	3,790 3		3,688				3,597		HENS UNDER 5#			
ARK	5.062 5	,	5.061	4.168		4.72	,		HENS OVER 5#		79	
DELMARVA	-,	-, -	1.518	1,639			2.350		DUCKS		125	
KY-LA-TN	1.999 2	,	1.767	1.338		4.36	,	-	RABBITS-WHOLE		299	
MISS	2.817 2	, -	2.511	,	-		2,407	5.15	RABBITS-CUT UP		309	
NC	2,606 2	, -	1,922	1,768			2,580		SAN FRANCISCO PRO	CESSED PO	<u>ULTRY</u>	
TEXAS	2.167 2	,	,	,			2,292	4.90	DELIVERED TO REST	AURANTS AN	<u>ID INSTITUTIONS</u>	
_	20,75121	,	, -	,			,		FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	92-96	
MON-WED	,	,	10,120	.0,.00	0.12		61,482			DRY PACK	102-104	
(A) Weekly	, ,	,	states li	sted ah	ove Bi		,	` '	ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	107-111	
` '							,	J		DRY PACK	119	
under federal inspection for 26-Apr 00 is estimated to be 31,046,000 down 0.41 percent from a week ago and up 2.19 percent from a year						HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	95				
ago. (Last	•		•		•	•	11 110111	a year		DRY PACK	98	
ago. (Last)	WOOK OT, I	170,00	o, iast y	cai 50,c	,000	''			DUCKS		149-156	

TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 29-Apr-00 **CURRENT WEEK PREVIOUS WEEK**

	(04/29/00 (1)	04/22/00	
CLASS		— THOUS	AND HEAD -	
BRO-FRY		156,129 (2)	147,390	
LT HENS		2,107	2,089	
HVY HENS		1,494	1,483	
TOTAL		159,730	150,962	
(1)ESTIMATED				

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 29-Apr-00 is 153.5 million head compared to 155.6 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 156.4 million head or 2.9 million more than estimated available. For week of 06-May-00 the estimated available is 156.1 million head.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT

(IN THOUSANDS)

(0, 150)						
	PROC	ESSED TU	<u>JRKEYS</u>	PROCESSED POULTRY			
	04/24/00	04/17/00	04/26/99	04/24/00	04/17/00	04/26/99	
PACIFIC							
COAST	15,304	15,340	28,209	14,753	14,553	16,650	
LOS							
ANGELES	189	152	1,352	5,319	5,260	10,545	

<u>HACKETTSTOWN</u>	POU	LTRY	<u>SALE</u>	<u>S</u>	FOR 04	1/25/00	
	LO		AVG		LO	HI A	٩VG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	2.55	-	HEAVY FOWL ea		.25	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	.15	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	2.55	-	MIXED FOWL ea.		-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	1.50	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	7.75	-
BROILERS lb.	.40	.50	.48	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	1.30	1.65	1.42	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.50	1.90	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	.50	1.50	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.60	1.65	1.25	ROOSTERS ea.	3.25	5.75	-
GEESE lb.	-	.70	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	.85	1.60	1.11	TURKEYS ea.	-	4.25	-
DUCKS lb.	.60	1.10	.71	DUCKS ea.	3.50	7.00	-
RABBITS lb.	.60	1.60	1.13	RABBITS ea.	-	1.50	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.25	6.50	-
GUINEA FOWL Ib		-	-	GUINEA FOWL e	a. 3.00	3.25	-
DUCKLINGS lb.		-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	1.75	3.50	-
GUINEA KEETS 6	ea	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea	ı	10.00	-
SILKIES ea.	2.50	9.00	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea		-	-				

TOTAL COOPS 116

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF APRIL 24, 2000

		RANGE
HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	57-61
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	61-66

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents p	er pound	for the w	eek ending A	April 21, 2000	1	
	Whole		Legs N	lecks, Backs	Livers/	
<u>Ch</u>	<u>ickens</u>	Breasts	W/ Thighs	& Wings	Gizzards	Hens
RAYON			•			
Low	66.41	134.75	77.00	24.06	5.78	55.35
High	69.78	144.38	86.63	33.69	7.22	55.35
Mostly	67.38	134.75	86.63	28.88	5.78	55.35
SAN JU	AN					
Low	68.34	129.94	77.00	24.06	5.78	48.13
High	69.78	139.57	86.63	36.09	9.63	48.13
Mostly	68.34	134.75	77.00	28.88	7.22	48.13
NEW SA	N JUAN					
Low	67.38	134.75	72.19	24.06	5.78	55.35
High	68.82	144.38	86.63	33.69	7.22	55.35
Mostly	68.82	134.75	81.81	28.88	5.78	55.35
BECERF	RA					
Low	69.30	125.13	72.19	26.47	7.22	52.94
High	71.23	134.75	81.81	38.50	9.63	52.94
Mostly	69.78	134.75	77.00	36.09	8.66	52.94

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